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On 22 December 1947 the Chinese Communist Central Hopedi Military Zone Headquarters issued the following directive to all subzones under its control:

1. Accelerate the destruction of communications

- a. In this present critical situation the destruction of communications has become essential to the defense of North China and the securing of peace. The destruction of communications is the mission of the armed civilian forces. In our thoughts and actions we must consider this period characterized by mass struggle for survival. We must be aggressive; we must expand our sabotage activities. All leaders and their followers must not hesitate or retreat, but must increase activities.
- b. The District Committee of Armed Civilian Forces shall immediately organize a self-defense corps which will cooperate with the local armed civilian forces. The local forces will act as a protecting unit to cover the self-defense corps while it carries out its mission of sabotage. The self-defense corps shall make the best of every opportunity for sabotage.
- c. Sabotage and demolition units should be organized to work together. These teams should plan and execute mine-laying and sabotage work.
- d. Demolition units should concentrate on railroad lines, trenches, buildings and fortifications.
- e. All demolition work should be carried out with the cooperation of local authorities in order to avoid unnecessary loss of men and material.

2. Priority Targets

- a. The Tientsin-Pukou line and the Peiping-Liaoning line, which pass through the liberated area. These lines are important in the transportation of military supplies and troops. We must destroy the Tangshan (116-56, 38-43) - Tientsin and Tangshan (115-38, 39-49) - Peiping sections of the Tientsin-Pukou line. It should be the mission of the demolition teams at Wuching (116-52, 39-32) and Chinghai (116-55, 38-56) to carry out these directions without further orders.
- b. (Targets in?) Wenan (116-26, 38-52), Jenchiu (116-06, 38-43), Hochien

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(116-05, 38-26) and Tacheng (116-38, 38-42). We must be ready for orders when reinforcements from the military arrive.

- c. Leaders may transfer their best forces from the central areas in carrying out these orders.

3. Precautions

- a. Leaders should take personal charge of the direction of the activities to assure success.
- b. Pay particular attention to changes in the enemy's situation so that accurate judgment can be made and unnecessary risks avoided.
- c. Guard against any danger which may cause the loss of personnel.

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